

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Withdrawn)        An article of manufacture for drying or wiping a surface, comprising:  
                         a first layer, comprising at least one layer of a microfiber fabric; and  
                         a second layer coupled to the first layer, the second layer comprising at least one layer of  
a microfiber fabric;  
wherein the article is configured for wiping a surface.
2. (Withdrawn)        The article of claim 1, wherein the microfiber fabric of the first and second  
layers has a characteristic independently selected from the group consisting of moisture wicking  
ability, moisture absorbing ability, wiping ability, cleaning ability, and combinations thereof.
3. (Withdrawn)        The article of claim 3, wherein the first and second layers comprise a terry  
microfiber.
4. (Withdrawn)        The article of either claims 1 or 3, wherein the layers are coupled by  
stitching along the periphery and by stitching along the inner surface areas of the layers in  
substantially parallel lines.
5. (Currently amended)        An article of manufacture for drying or wiping a surface,  
comprising:  
                         a first layer, ~~comprising at least one layer~~ of a fabric containing a split microfiber with  
furrows and channels;  
                         a second layer ~~coupled to the first layer, the second layer comprising at least one layer of~~  
a fabric ~~comprising~~ containing a split microfiber with furrows and channels, the second layer  
coupled to the first layer; and

a third layer ~~coupled in between the first and second layers, the third layer comprising at least one layer of a moisture mediator, the third layer coupled in between the first and second~~  
layer;

coupler means to couple the three layers together such that the three layers remain separate and distinct from each other except at limited points of contact caused by the coupling means.

6. (Original) The article of claim 5, wherein the fabric of the first and second layers has a characteristic independently selected from the group consisting of moisture wicking ability, moisture absorbing ability, wiping ability, cleaning ability, and combinations thereof; and wherein the third layer comprises a moisture-absorbing material.

7. (Previously amended) The article of claim 6, wherein the fabric of the first and second layers is independently selected from the group consisting of fabrics made from natural fibers, fabrics made from synthetic fibers, and combinations thereof; and wherein the third layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of fabrics made from natural fibers, fabrics made from synthetic fibers and combinations thereof.

8. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 5, wherein the fabric of the first and second layers has a characteristic independently selected from the group consisting of moisture wicking ability, moisture absorbing ability, wiping ability, cleaning ability, and combinations thereof; and wherein the third layer comprises a moisture-resistant material.

9. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 8, wherein the fabric of the first and second layers is selected from the group consisting of fabrics made from natural fibers, fabrics made from synthetic fibers, and combinations thereof; and wherein the third layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of plastics, Gortex-like fabrics, rubber-containing materials, and combinations thereof.

10. (Original) The article of claim 5, wherein the third layer has a surface area that is a portion of either the surface areas of the first layer or the second layer, wherein the first and second layers are coupled adjacent to each other in certain areas, and wherein the third layer is coupled between the first and second layers in certain other areas.

11. (Original) The article of claim 10, wherein the third layer surface area is centrally located in relation to the surface areas of the first and second layers.

12. (Original) The article according to any of claims 5, 6, 8 and 10, wherein the layers are coupled by stitching along the periphery and by stitching along the inner surface areas of the layers in substantially parallel lines.

13. (Currently amended) An article of manufacture for drying or wiping a surface, comprising:

a first layer, ~~comprising at least one layer~~ of a microfiber fabric ~~comprising~~ containing a split microfiber with furrows and channels,

a second layer, ~~comprising at least one layer~~ of a microfiber fabric ~~comprising~~ containing a split microfiber with furrows and channels,

a third layer ~~coupled in between the first and second layers, the third layer comprising at least one layer~~ of a split microfiber fabric having moisture-absorbing properties ~~and the microfiber fabric comprising a split microfiber~~; and

coupler means to couple the three layers together such that the three layers remain separate and distinct from each other except at limited points of contact caused by the coupling means.

14. (Canceled) The article of claim 13, wherein the first layer comprises a chamois microfiber, the second layer comprises a chamois microfiber, and the third layer comprises a terry microfiber.

15. (Canceled) The article of claim 13, wherein the first layer comprises a single-knit terry microfiber, the second layer comprises a single-knit terry microfiber, and the third layer comprises a double-knit microfiber.

16. (Original) The article of claim 13, wherein the third layer has a surface area that is a portion of either the surface areas of the first layer or the second layer, wherein the first and second layers are coupled adjacent to each other in certain areas, and wherein the third layer is coupled between the first and second layers in certain other areas.

17. (Original) The article of claim 16, wherein the third layer surface area is centrally located in relation to the surface areas of the first and second layers.

18. (Presently amended) The article according any of claims 13,~~14~~,~~15~~ and 16, wherein the layers are coupled by stitching along the periphery and by stitching along the inner surface areas of the layers in substantially parallel lines.

19. (Withdrawn) An article of manufacture for drying or wiping a surface, comprising:  
a first layer, comprising at least one layer of a microfiber fabric,  
a second layer, comprising at least one layer of a microfiber fabric, the second layer coupled to the first layer, and  
a third layer coupled in between the first and second layers, the third layer comprising at least one layer of a moisture-resistant material;  
wherein the article is configured for wiping a surface.

20. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 19, wherein the first layer comprises a chamois microfiber, the second layer comprises a terry microfiber, and the third layer comprises a rip-stop nylon.

21. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 19, wherein the first layer comprises an external layer of a double-knit terry microfiber and an internal layer of single-knit terry microfiber with the nap

facing towards the external layer, wherein the second layer comprises an external layer of a double-knit terry microfiber and an internal layer of single-knit terry microfiber with the nap facing towards the external layer, and the third layer comprises a rip-stop nylon.

22. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 19, wherein the third layer has a surface area that is a portion of either the surface areas of the first layer or the second layer, wherein the first and second layers are coupled adjacent to each other in certain areas, and wherein the third layer is coupled between the first and second layers in certain other areas.

23. (Withdrawn) The article of claim 22, wherein the third layer surface area is centrally located in relation to the surface areas of the first and second layers.

24. (Withdrawn) The article according any of claims 19, 20, 21 and 22, wherein the layers are coupled by stitching along the periphery and by stitching along the inner surface areas of the layers in substantially parallel lines.